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FREE DENTAL CLINIC OFFERED IN SOLANA BEACH

Dental Fluoride Provided Free to Children with No Dental Resources

- WHO:** 200+ children 1-18 years old expected
North County Dental Task Force
County Health and Human Services Agency's Dental Health Initiative
Southwestern College Dental Hygiene Program
30-40 volunteers, including dentists and hygienists
- WHAT:** A free dental fluoride varnish clinic for children 1-18 years old with no dental resources. Volunteer dental professionals will apply fluoride varnish coating to children's teeth, a safe and painless way to help prevent cavities. Parents and children will be educated about dental health. Children are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes and participate in games with prizes.
- Funded by County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price, 3rd District, and coordinated by the North County Dental Task Force, the County's Health and Human Services Agency and Southwestern College Dental Hygiene Program.
- WHEN:** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 28
- WHERE:** Solana Beach Library (next to Earl Warren Middle School)
157 Stevens Avenue
Solana Beach, CA 92075
- WHY:** Tooth decay is the most common infectious disease among children. Over half of all kindergartners and more than 7 out of 10 third graders have experienced tooth decay, with more than 25% going untreated. Fluoride varnish coating is incorporated in the enamel of developing teeth, making them more resistant to decay. Unfortunately, many children do not receive this or other dental services due to lack of insurance or other affordable options.